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Are a Higher Type of  
Democracy"—Lenin

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## C. S. TRIAL IS POSTPONED A DEFENDANT

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### Darcy Testifying

JUDGE LEMMON TRIES TO  
PREVENT DEFENSE  
TESTIMONY

By Michael Quin.

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 21.—A postponement of the trial of fifteen workers on charges of Criminal Syndicalism was granted from last Tuesday until next Monday. Illness of three of the defendants forced Judge Lemmon to grant the continuance in spite of vigorous objections from Prosecutor Neil R. McAllister.

The three sick defendants are Lorine Norman, Caroline Decker and Martin Wilson who are suffering from sore throats and the flu. This illness is a result of their weakened condition from seven months imprisonment waiting trial.

McAllister complained that defendants now out on bail are running all over California making speeches at protest meetings on week ends. Many meetings in every part of California are exposing the raw fakery of the prosecution. Bail was fixed at an exorbitant figure especially to prevent the defendants from making such speeches. The growing wave of protest against the attempted railroad in the prosecution's chief worry.

### Darcy Still Testifying

Sam Darcy, Communist Party organizer for District 13, is still on the stand. Despite the fact that the defense must fight its way through a veritable jungle of objections and legal technicalities raised by the prosecution and the court, the vicious distortions of Communist principles presented by McAllister have already been blasted.

Hours of arguing legal technicalities must be gone through in order to introduce each item of defense evidence.

### Western Worker Editorials.

Since the court refuses to permit Darcy to testify as an expert on Communism, the true teachings can only be brought in by reading Communist literature. The Judge refused at one point to allow the reading of an editorial from the Western Worker of Feb. 12, 1934, entitled "Workers! Demand the Right to Defend Yourselves." This editorial cautioned agricultural workers of the San Joaquin Valley against acts of violence and sabotage. At the same time it emphasized the constitutional right of workers to defend themselves from lawless attacks by vigilantes and agents of the bosses.

Attorney Leo Gallagher declared the defense court permitted the reading, he would like an

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17,000,000 Starve  
AS \$800,000,000  
Buys War Supplies

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 21.—More than seventeen million unemployed are slowly starving throughout the nation, but that is of no importance to Wall Street, as they start pushing what is by far the biggest war appropriations any congress has been asked to pass in fifteen years—eight hundred million dollars!

The War Department appropriations bill calls for \$318,131,482 for military activity alone. Funds for various fortifications and military highways will come as now through the SERA. Forty millions are asked to partly cover such items through public works funds.

The Navy supply bill is reported to exceed last year's record figure by approximately 100 millions—reaching \$477,000,000.

Raising of the air force to exceed 4000 new army planes over a period of five years is proposed—this in addition to the present force and besides the navy appropriations to come.

The bill now in Congress calls for doubling last year's Army Air Corps allowance to \$49,067,490.

Proposed increases of the army to 165,000 men from 118,000 was passed by the House Tuesday. Militia is to be raised by 5000 men, and General Douglas MacArthur, chief of staff, is now openly urging the extension of the CCC camps to 600,000 boys and their admitted use as an enlisted reserve—meaning that infantry drill would be introduced into these camps where this is not at present the case.

"300,000 reserves could now be called to the colors from this source," he said.

## FIGHT C. S. LAW; DREAMLAND RINK RALLY, MAR. 13

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 22.—As the campaign for the repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism law and the freedom of the sixteen workers facing the C. S. frameup broads to wider scope, many mass meetings are rallying workers to support of the fight.

A high point in the campaign from the Western Worker of Feb. 12, 1934, entitled "Workers! Demand the Right to Defend Yourselves." This editorial cautioned agricultural workers of the San Joaquin Valley against acts of violence and sabotage. At the same time it emphasized the constitutional right of workers to defend themselves from lawless attacks by vigilantes and agents of the bosses.

Over this next weekend, meetings are being held in Hollywood, Berkeley and San Mateo.

The Hollywood meeting, to be held Saturday night, Feb. 23, at the Workers' Center, 1119 Lillian Way, will hear Harry Collett, one of the defendants speak. A play "The Very Grand Juror" will also be given.

In San Mateo, Sunday night, Feb. 24, Pat Chambers and Nora Conklin will speak.

The following night, Monday, Feb. 25, they will speak again in Berkeley at Comrades Hall, 1849 Tenth St.

In Modesto, Saturday, March

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## ASSEMBLY BILL 574 SEEKS TO FIX HOURS OF WORK, OVERTIME

By Murray.

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 22.—An important bill regulating the hours of labor of all California workers was introduced to the Legislature on Jan. 22. This is Assembly Bill No. 574, introduced by Pelleter, Voigt, Flint and eighteen other Assemblymen and referred to the Committee on Labor and Capital. This act makes the following amendments and additions to the Political Code:

Section 1 amends Section 3244 of the Code to read as follows: "Six hours of labor constitutes a day's work, and five days constitute a week's work in all manual labor, except in agricultural employment." This section voids all contracts for a greater number of hours work per day and for a greater number of days work per week and sets overtime at \$1.50 per hour.

Section 2 amends Section 3245 of the Political Code. It provides that the 6-hour day and the 30-hour week be made a part of all contracts involving the employment of labor.

### 5-Day Week for Drivers.

Section 3 amends Section 3246 of the Code. It declares a 6-hour day and 5-day week for all drivers, conductors and gripmen of street and interurban railway cars and motor buses, voids all previous contracts for a greater number of hours of labor and calls for \$1.50 per hour overtime.

Section 4 adds Section 3246a to

## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY WILL BE CELEBRATED IN L. A.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 20.—The second women's united front conference was held recently in Symphony Hall, where preparations were made for observance of the 27th annual International Women's Day, which originated in the United States.

Sixteen organizations were represented by twenty-two delegates.

The conference unanimously agreed to go on record against the high cost of living, against the Criminal Syndicalism law, for Social and Unemployment Insurance Bill H. R. 2827, and against war and fascism.

The committee of action that was elected at the first conference, Jan. 25, reported. An interesting and varied program for the celebration of March 8 is fully arranged.

Permits to hold public meetings in three schools have been obtained. These meetings will center their attention on the increasing cost of food products, particularly meat and dairy products.

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mén's clubs, churches and synagogues auxiliaries, Epic clubs, Utopian groups, fraternal and other organizations to send delegates to the third conference, which will make the final preparations for the celebration on March 8. This conference will be held March 8, 8 o'clock p.m., at 232 So. Hill St.

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The Conference has arranged for an excellent program—music by the Mandolin Orchestra. The Ukrainian Chorus in native costume, a one-act play by Hollywood theatre group, and an outstanding speaker, Violet Orr. The place will be Music Arts Hall, 233 So. Broadway, March 8.

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# Sacramento Bargemen Improve Pay, Working Conditions

## East of the Rockies

### United Front Defeats Fascist Bill

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 21.—A powerful united front of Communists, Socialists and labor unions completely overwhelmed the fascist supporters of an anti-labor bill at the public hearing before the Judiciary Committee of the General Assembly in the State House at Hartford recently. The bill would ban the right of the American people to overthrow the government, a right incorporated in the Declaration of Independence and advocated by Abraham Lincoln and Thomas Jefferson. It is sponsored by Archibald Stevenson, general counsel for the National Civic Federation, of which Matthew Woll, member of the Executive Council of the A. F. of L., is acting president.

### Editor To Negotiate With Guild Strikers

NEW YORK, N. Y., Feb. 21.—Heywood Broun, president of the American Newspaper Guild has been informed by Assistant Secretary of Labor Edward McGrady that Lucius T. Russell, owner of the Newark Ledger, the editorial employee of which have been on strike for more than twelve weeks, is willing to negotiate with the strike committee. Broun has advised the Newark strikers of this fact and the latter are expected to approach Russell or trustees of the paper soon. Strikers immediately issued 60,000 copies of The Reporter, official strike bulletin.

### Ohio Students Back Scottsboro

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Feb. 21.—More than 500 Ohio State University students recently held a Scottsboro protest meeting on the steps of the Commerce Building in defiance of an order by President Rightmire banning the meeting on the campus. A permit for the use of the Auditorium of the Commerce Building was withdrawn less than twenty-four hours before the meeting by President Rightmire. Mrs. Ida Norris, Scottsboro Mother, and W. C. Sandberg of the International Labor Defense addressed the meeting. The National Student League picketed the Administration Building and the Commerce Buildings protesting the ban on free speech and the attack on the Scottsboro Defense.

### Troops Called Against Relief Strikers

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 21.—While Fort Smith launched a drive against relief workers organizations and arrested a young miner, Governor J. M. Fultrell issued a statement saying that there was "urgent need" for National Guard troops in Sebastian County where several hundred relief workers are on strike against wage cuts. At Fort Smith about 1,500 relief workers struck two weeks ago when the wage scale was reduced. Wage cuts range from twenty to thirty per cent.

### Mich. A. F. of L. Men Back Labor Party

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 21.—The growing movement for a working class Labor Party with a clear cut program of opposition to all capitalist Parties received strong impetus here recently as the semi-annual State Conference of the American Federation of Labor Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers unanimously endorsed a resolution supporting such a movement. The convention declared that it would support "only such candidates to put forward who will carry on a serious fight against the attacks of the capitalists as well as their agents in the labor movement."

### Carolina United Front Defends Six

HIGH POINT, N. C., Feb. 21.—The State Committee of the Socialist Party officially is supporting the united front campaign for the defense of the six textile strikers railroaded to jail in what is known throughout the state as the "Dynamite Case." Unionists, prominent Socialists, Communists and Liberals have united to form the Workers Defense Council.

### K. WESTOVER, STOOL PIGEON, EXPELLED FROM PARTY IN S. F.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 18.—Indignant over the Hearst attacks against the working class and the Communist Party, local marine workers are organizing to charter a ship for a trip to the Soviet Union.

They plan to double man the ship with all grades and appeal especially to the youth. Fifty dollars is the cost as they figure it for transporting a person to and back from the Soviet Union.

Suspicion was first attached to Westover when several workers were arrested by Presidio police and held for questioning. Investigation disclosed a series of occurrences each of which by themselves had been held to be "the mistakes of a new comrade," but which totalled into a long chain of conclusive evidence. However, a mistake was made no action was taken until two airtight cases proved the activity of Westover, even to those defending her "natural mistake." Called in, she could not satisfactorily explain matters.

The case proves once again that one of the methods used by a clever spy is to create confidence in many comrades by an appearance of great activity.

Katherine Westover is five feet four inches tall and weighs around 130-136 lbs. She is around 32 years old; rather solidly built; blue eyes, dark reddish-brown hair and fair complexion. She supports a husband and 14-year-old boy.

Her most marked characteristic is an appearance of great nervous energy reflected in short, sharp, incisive, manner of speech and actions and a habit of always asking questions.

Workers' organizations are warned against the probability of her trying to enter the ranks elsewhere.

District Disciplinary Commission, Dist. 13.

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Leo Gallagher, Speaker  
Entertainments-Refreshments  
Admission 25c  
Saturday, Feb. 23, at 8 p.m.  
230 S. Spring St., Los Angeles

### BARGE OWNERS SCARED WHEN MEN ORGANIZE

By a Barge Worker.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Feb. 21.—The effect of strong unionism has been felt in Sacramento, due to the action of the Bay and River Bargemen's Local 38-101, I. L. A., in forcing the employers of the Upper Sacramento River to improve conditions and raise wages. Conditions on the upper river were as follows:

Grain warehouses where barges are loaded are mostly located above Sacramento. Barges are towed up to warehouses without crew. Men who load barges are transported from Sacramento by truck and the time consumed in travelling is from one to three hours one way. A trailer is towed behind the truck with a stove and cooking equipment, but there is nothing to eat until a meal has had time to prepare a meal. Food is very poor.

#### \* No Lost Time Pay.

If the barge stops at different warehouses to get a full load they use the following system: The barge goes to the farthest warehouse from Sacramento where grain is to be loaded, the men to the same warehouse by truck. When loading is completed the barge is towed down the river to the next warehouse; the men travel by truck and usually arrive before the barge gets a complete load. Such trips consume about two days with practically no sleep for the men.

Barges load beans, hay, rice and miscellaneous cargo in Sacramento. Some of the men get 40 cents an hour, others were getting \$3 per day. Jetney drivers were the only ones getting the bargemen's scale. Trucks hauled hay to the waterfront to be loaded and the men were paid only for actual time of handling the hay; they go no pay between truck loads. About two days were consumed in loading one barge but the men made only about eight or twelve hours pay.

#### \* Union Delegate Arrives.

On January 21, the bargeman Tony Maroney, union delegate, to make a preliminary survey of the conditions in Sacramento, immediately after hearing of his arrival in town the barge owners raised the wages ten cents per hour. Maroney arranged a meeting of the men employed on the river. This meeting took place in the Labor Temple, February 4 and was presided over by Ted Starr, business manager of the Bargemen's Local 38-101, San Francisco. Kelsey Cottle, business manager of the Barge and Power Boatmen of Stockton also was present and assured the men that with the I. L. A. taking an active part in their behalf, they would be assured of improvement in their conditions.

About sixty men are employed on the docks in Sacramento and the barges running up the river above Sacramento. All of them are members of the Barge men's Local 38-101, I. L. A. Through the efforts of the local

### L. A. Workers Boo Capitalist Candidate For City Council

#### Plan Worker Candidate to Oppose Baumgartner

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 17.—Growing militancy of the voters in the Twelfth Councilmanic District, a working class area, was shown Wednesday night at a political mass meeting in Belmont High school where supporters of the incumbent capitalist Councilman, John T. Baumgartner, were "boozed" out of the hall.

The working class audience not only "raised" Baumgartner's name but was so uncomfortable for Isaac Kushner, well-fed candidate for the incumbent city official's job, that he was forced to quit talking.

Workers took control of the session from the opening, electing a rank and file chairman, Sidney Terwilliger, over the protests of the Kushner faction.

#### \* Baumgartner Not There.

Baumgartner was not present but his supporters asked the mass meeting to endorse the Councilman's candidacy for reelection. Kushner personally made an appeal for his candidacy.

Because of the audience's indignation against these boss class

candidates, no one was endorsed. The audience showed its rage against these two men with shouts of: "Sit down!" "How much is Baumgartner (or Kushner) paying you?"

The audience became quiet when a young worker took the platform and urged the audience campaign for genuine unemployment insurance as would be provided by California Assembly Bill No. 791 and the national bill, H. R. 2827 if passed.

#### \* Urges Workers' Bills.

The speaker urged support of these bills and to take a militant stand against all legislation designed to wipe out the civil rights of the working class.

These remarks were greeted from the audience with enthusiastic shouts of:

"That's the first sensible thing we've heard said tonight! We're all for it!"

The consensus of opinion expressed following the meeting was that a working class candidate should be chosen to run against Baumgartner and this is to be done.

The next morning the time-keeper refused to allow pay for the rainy day. Another committee was immediately formed and went to Tregallis.

Mr. Wilcox, the boss from the project, was in Tregallis' office when they got there. The ruling had been that if the men worked one hour they were entitled to a full day's pay. Wilcox said he called us to stop at 8:55 a. m. and that we had only worked 55 minutes. He said that he always tried to give the men a "fair break." But our spokesman asked if calling us at 8:55 to try to beat us out of a day's pay was a "fair break."

After a heated argument we won our demand.

Workers' solidarity will always win us our demands.

### Bakers In Local 34 Disgusted By Leaders' Policies

By a Worker Correspondent.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21.—Local 24, A. F. of L., Bakers Union of San Francisco is a strong union with a large membership. But our officers are not looking out after the best interests of the membership. In spite of this we took in thirty-two members at our last meeting.

For instance we have a new Business Agent who is supposed to keep in touch with the situation. Many of the large shops are trying to break down the union and in many places where the N.R.A. Flag is prominently displayed, there is no attempt to follow out even the regulations of the N.R.A.

Union officials are contented to visit only the largest bakeries and they neglect the small ones entirely. The business agent doesn't make any attempt to check up on our supposed union leaders.

There is a union clause which says we are to be paid full-time for a partial day's work but this clause is broken every day. Our employment is indefinite and sometimes we are called to work for a few hours; we never know when or to where we are going to be called. And we get paid only for the time we are on the job.

The rank and file is pretty much disgusted with the leadership of Local 24. At our last election many members did not vote because they said the candidates for offices were no better than our old bunch of officers.

Clinton Cafeterias and Fosters

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the men there and we expect to line them up in the near future. But what we need is a rank and file movement like the one in I. L. A. with rank and file leaders who will see to it that the shops, big and small, are kept in line.

Speakers, who will tell the truth about the U. S. S. R., include A. Rovitz, A. Kurtzman, Dr. Coleman, and Celeste Stracke who was threatened with expulsion for her membership in the Peoples' Court and the sentence was completed in line with the brutal nature of the Hitler butchers who compose the court. This is the same group that is supposed to be considering "evidence" against the hero Thaelmann. Thaelmann when he eventually faces the Peoples' Court will be charged with "high treason", a charge similar to that of which the two women were found guilty.

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## ASSEMBLY BILL

(Continued From Page 1) the Code. Provides a 7-hour day and 5-day week for all workers employed in manufacturing, mechanical or mercantile establishments, motion picture studios, laundries, bakeries, hotels, lodging or apartment houses, hospitals, barber shops, places of amusement, restaurants, telegraph and telephone establishments, banking or commercial institutions, or in the operation of elevators, or in any intrastate express or transportation service. All contracts calling for a greater number of hours to be declared void. Overtime is set at \$2 per hour.

This is true as regards the character of the ruling class and the working class. In everyday experience we can see the characters and personalities of men shaped by the kind of work they do. The seaman, the clerk, the farmer, the teacher, the mechanic, all bear the stamp of their professions. And the wealthy parasite who does nothing is as plainly marked by the foppish useless existence he leads.

If a man is affectations and studied in his speech, he's more than apt to be a salesman. If a woman is precise, dictatorial and scrupulous, she is like as not a school teacher. And so on.

At one time a carpenter made a chair from the raw lumber all the way up to the finished product, including the painting and varnishing. He was a craftsman and had a particular character. Later, with the development of capitalism, the "division of labor" was introduced into industry. That meant that a hundred men were lined up at a hundred benches. One man cut the wood, another planed it, another shaped it, another turned it on the lathe, and so on down the line; each man repeating one minor operation all day long.

A complete change in character took place. An actor asked to play the parts of an ancient craftsman and then a factory hand in a giant furniture concern, would instantly recognize two entirely different roles.

In the same manner the character of the bosses is shaped by the kind of work they do. (If you could call it work.) What kind of man can live in a mansion like a Turkish Sultan while the workers in his factory live in tumble down shacks and still feel justified. Especially since they do all the work and his only part is to smoke expensive cigars in the company of a lot other fat owners while they talk over and arrange deals.

What kind of man can lay off thousands of his workers, cut the wages of the rest and, at the same time, refuse through his control of government to provide adequate relief for the unemployed? By what imaginable freak of philosophy does he justify himself.

Assembly Bill 156 is an act aimed at restraining the police fingerprinting workers who are neither felons, fugitives from justice, possessors of stolen goods, etc. Section 1 of this act declares specifically: "No person other than those referred to above in this section, and in any case, no person charged with or convicted of a misdemeanor or misdeemeanor, only, shall be fingerprinted, and any peace officer or other person who compels such a person to be fingerprinted is guilty of a misdemeanor."

This bill was introduced by Mr. Cassidy and referred to Committee on Governmental Efficiency and Economy whose address is: State Capitol, Sacramento.

Copies of any or all of these bills which are being analyzed in current issues of the Western Worker may be procured free of charge by writing the State Printing Bureau, State Capitol, Sacramento.

If you want a decent world to live in you'll have to get out and organize. If you want to know more about it, read the WESTERN WORKER.

## Strachey Speaks

(Continued from Page 1) logic with devastating effect, succeeded in exposing the fallacies of the New Deal so thoroughly that even the well-dressed occupants of the dollars-a-fifteen seats were forced into applause accompanied by polite laughter.

## GRAND DANCE February 23rd SOKOL HALL 739-749 Page St. (Near Steiner)

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Raffle of \$35.00 Gold Watch ENTERTAINMENT

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By MICHAEL QUIN  
As Marxians we know that this is not determined by individuals and personalities. We know that it is determined by material forces. And we know that these material forces shape individuals and personalities.

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**Big Western Worker Dance—Saturday, Feb. 23, Sokol Hall, 739 Page Street, near Steiner.**

**Mission, Fillmore, Downtown, Marina, North Beach have held Western Worker Affairs!**

**East Bay has one scheduled for March 2 in Oakland!**

IN LOS ANGELES:

**Sam Darcy, District organizer of the Communist Party, will speak at a Western Worker Affair at the Mason Theatre, 127 So. Broadway!**

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## Immediate Tasks of The Communist Party U. S. A. - The United Front

**Resolution Adopted by C. C. Plenum  
Jan. 15-18, 1935)**

### II. THE UNITED FRONT

The movement for the united front is expressed in the growth of the influence of the C. P. among the workers, in the stirrings of the workers to carry out joint activity, overcoming craft and other barriers (the movement for general strikes), in the rebuff to Green's letter on the expulsion of Communists by the A. F. of L. locals, in the attraction of the local organizations of the Socialist Party into the united front movement, in the wide movement of the united front against fascism and war. While overcoming its shortcomings in conducting the tactics of the united front, a sectarian and formal approach to the questions of the united front and also opportunist mistakes, the Party must insistently continue the campaign for the united front, placing the struggle for the united front at the basis of all its mass policy.

1. First of all, the Party must explain in its own ranks the significance of the united front in the condition of the U. S. A.

The efforts of the Socialist Party to base itself on the trade unions and on the movement for a Labor Party show that social-reformism is trying to create a broad mass proletarian basis for itself, fusing itself even more completely with the leaders of the reformist trade unions of the A. F. of L. Therefore a most important peculiarity of the struggle against social reformism and the problem of the united front in the U. S. A. is the fact that the development of the united front now rests primarily on the capable and energetic work of the Communists in the A. F. of L. unions. This should be done on the grounds of the defense of the general class interests and immediate needs of the working masses, on the winning of positions in the A. F. of L. unions by the Communists, in order to win the confidence of the membership of the A. F. of L. by exemplary participation in the current work of the union, as well as in the strike movement, so that the masses of A. F. of L. members support the policy of the class struggle and look upon the C. P. as their own Party.

2. A most important condition for the successful and correct carrying out of the united front in face of the fact that the idea of an independent proletarian party is very poorly developed among the workers, is the explanation of the role of the Party, its tactics and principals. But it is necessary to have in mind that the working masses will only understand the leading role of the Party and accept the Party leadership when they see by experience that the Party is leading them to successes in the struggle against capital.

3. A very serious obstacle on the path of the organization of a wide fighting united front of the working class by the Party consists of the still strong sectarian features in the work of the Party. This sectarianism cannot be eliminated merely by an ideological campaign nor by the correcting of various isolated mistakes in the press or in practical work. In order to eliminate sectarianism, to come out on the broad political arena, putting before the masses all the questions of the American labor movement, win influence in the big mass organizations of the American proletariat, and draw into the Party the basic strata of the American workers, the Party should earnestly and energetically, from top to bottom, carry into life the task put by this resolution, and representing concrete proposals to aid the Party to realize the turn to mass work and to overcome the remnants of sectarianism.

4. An immediate practical task of the Party is the further development of the united front with the local organizations of the S. P., continuing to make united front proposals to the national leaders. The Party press and the Party agitators must bring forward more convincing arguments in the polemic against the policy and leaders of the S. P. avoiding the replacement of arguments by abuse. This requires an increase of a convincing struggle of principles against social-reformism in the press, strengthening the agitation and propaganda, while maintaining a comradeship attitude to the reformist workers, with the most patient analysis of their arguments and mistakes.

In the approach to the various groupings in the S. P., the Party must direct particularly strong and intensive fire against

the Right Wing of the Socialist Party, exposing its cynically conciliatory policy toward the bourgeoisie and the A. F. of L. bureaucrats, appealing to the indignation of the proletarian rank and file of the S. P. against the leaders.

At the same time, an extremely intensive struggle must be carried on against the middle trend represented by Thomas, the ideological leader of the S. P., pointing out its capitulation to the Right Wing, its practical incapability of carrying on a policy differing in essence from the Right Wing, strengthening the position of the Right Wing in the Party.

In respect to the Left tendency, we should carry on more explanatory work in relation to the proletarian elements, pointing out their mistakes, inconsistency and half-heartedness, both of principles and in respect to the double nature of their position in the Party—on the one hand left declarations, and on the other hand, the Right policy of the Party as a whole, for which the Left tendency bears responsibility and, in essence, carries it out in practice, at any rate, in some cases. In relation to the leading elements of the Left current, it is necessary to carry such a policy that the working masses, on the basis of their relations to the important current questions of the class struggle, will be able to see the insincerity of those who only play at being Left in order to deceive the masses, at the same time, drawing more closely into joint work all sincere functionaries.

The Party organizations must get into contact with the Left groups, especially in important states like Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, where a large majority of the votes at the referendum were cast for the Detroit Declaration. Every possible encouragement should be given to the group which supports the united front, as well as to all sincere supporters of the united front. In respect to the Declaration itself, while recognizing it as a step to the Left in comparison with the former position of the S. P. and the position of the Rights, it is necessary to point out both its shortcomings and the fact that, on the whole, it is a compromise reformist platform.

The successful operation of the united front is only possible if the position of the Party on this question, and the experience of conducting the united front, is systematically explained in the Party press.

(TO BE CONCLUDED)

### Questions On The United Front

1—Why does the Communist Party make offers of united front with other working class organizations?

2—Where is the main basis of our task of building a strong Party in California?

3—In face of the self-admitted organizational weakness of the Socialist Party in California, why do we continue to make united front offers to that party?

4—Should we invite the Workers' Party (Trotzkyites) to enter into a united front agreement with us?

5—Does a united front agreement constitute a merger of organizations? To what does such an agreement obligate the Communist Party?

Answers On Page 4, Col. 4

### LOS ANGELES CULTURAL CENTER FORUM

230 S. SPRING ST., LOS ANGELES  
Sunday, March 3, at 8:00 P. M.  
SUBJECT:

**'A Newspaper Man Answers Hearst's Attacks on the Working Class.'**

Speaker: Harold J. Ashe, Los Angeles editor, Western Worker, former State Secretary, Socialist Party.

ADMISSION 10c.

### HEARST

(Continued From Page 1) against Rev. Shuler before the Federal Radio Commission. President Hoover was induced to activate himself in the movement to take Shuler off the air, and with Hoover's sanction and consent, the pastor of Trinity Methodist Church was duly proscribed from operating his radio in the future.

In the presidential campaign which followed it was noticeable that Hearst, who when not a candidate himself, always gives his support to the Democratic Party, this time uttered not a word in behalf of the candidacy of Franklin D. Roosevelt. True, Hearst had been Roosevelt's bitter enemy since the time when Roosevelt, as governor of New York, refused to bow his knee to the publisher. But aside from that ancient animosity, Hearst obviously was for the reelection of Hoover. This because of Hoover's aid in getting Rev. Shuler separated from his radio.

\* Not Uncommon. Newspaper men in Los Angeles are firmly convinced that Hearst murdered Ince. They know the politico-financial setup in Los Angeles, and they know that crimes more dastardly have been committed without number by men of high social and financial standing, and that these men have never been prosecuted for these crimes.

What makes Hearst's crime of particular importance is the fact that through his papers, he poses as a "paragon of Americanism" and is actively engaged in the organization of a movement having for its purpose the suppression by force and violence of every honest and fundamental endeavor to abolish conditions responsible for crime and war, and in their place establish a social and economic system that will make Hearst and men like him forever impossible.

When Hearst started to extend himself in American journalism, his editorial policy was committed to the public ownership of natural monopolies and the inalienable right of labor to organize. In the early part of this century when he tried to capture the Democratic presidential nomination, and failed, those were the policies he emphasized because he imagined they would win him popular support.

Unfortunately for his political career, the people grew accustomed with his disposition to doublecross, his business and political associates. When he failed to win the Democratic nomination, he turned upon the Democratic Party with a venom unparalleled in American politics and proceeded with an attempt to organize a third party. This writer was associated with this attempt in Chicago, and the money Hearst spent and the things he did to accomplish his purpose would make a story very interesting to tell.

\* Playing For Favors. Today, smile both in body and mind, with forty years of activity in every department of moral and social corruption, he is trying to regain the confidence of the American people by playing to their prejudices in the matter of misrepresenting Communism and calling for the extermination of the Communist Party.

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### C. S. TRIAL

(Continued from Page 1) other witness on the stand, have him identify the paper as having been sold in the Workers' Book Store in Sacramento, and then the court would be obliged to accept it.

Judge Lemmon rebuked Gallagher and said that he would not permit "any such foolishness."

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"I repeat, Mr. Gallagher, snap Lemmon, 'That this court will not permit any such foolishness.'

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"Mr. Gallagher," said Lemmon, "As far as this and you and I will have a private session of our own, I cite that as an error," said Gallagher.

Gallagher then removed Darcy from the stand and called Fred Kirkwood, former literature agent. Kirkwood identified the paper. Darcy was put back on and the court had to permit him to read the editorial.

Judge Lemmon read it to him self-first, lining out many paragraphs. When Darcy started reading, Lemmon came down from the bench and watched over his shoulder. McAllister watched over the other shoulder.

\* More Lies Exposed.

Earlier in the day, Gallagher and William Lores, the expressman who moved the stool pigeon Hanks' luggage during the fake "kidnapping" engineered by McAllister last year, Lores' testimony blasted the lies told by Hanks in reference to the circumstances of his departure from Sacramento. Hanks' extremely economical nature again served to betray him. Whereas he testified that immediately after being "threatened," he went to the bus station and sat there trembling in fear of his life, while an expressman went for his luggage, the truth was that he went for an expressman himself and rode to the station on the truck to save car fare. Previous testimony revealed that Hanks plotted his fake "kidnapping" to coincide with the day his rent was up and gave notice to his landlord a week before the alleged "threats."

Gallagher and Darcy are now reading chapters from the 190 pieces of literature introduced by the prosecution, and from which distorted fragments were previously read.

This reading will continue sometime owing to the hours of haggling in which McAllister seeks to block every item.

### WHERE TO GO

Organizations! Get big crowds to your affairs. Advertise them here. New rates—7c a line, in advance.

— San Francisco —

MAXIM GORKY CULTURAL SOCIETY will present "THE MARRIAGE," by N. Gogol, Saturday, March 16th at the Equality Hall, 141 Albion St. All sympathetic organizations are asked not to arrange any affairs at this date.

SCHOOL AFFAIR — Everybody Welcome. Games, Songs, Rafters, Speakers—A good time for all. Remember the Adm. 27, at 8 p. m., Press Club Bldg., 525 Sutter St. Adm. 25c. Auspices: American League Against War and Fascism.

SYMPORIUM ON WAR AND FASCISM—Main Speaker, Rev. Robt. Whitaker, Wed., Feb. 27, at 8 p. m., Press Club Bldg., 525 Sutter St. Adm. 25c. Auspices: American League Against War and Fascism.

FRIDAY, MARCH 1  
Big Dance  
at Franklin Hall  
Dance, Entertainments, Eats  
Admission 10c.

MARCH 29, 30, 31—  
Annual I. L. D. Bazaar. All workers' organizations are urged to cooperate with the I. L. D. and asked not to arrange any other affairs during these dates.

ENTERTAINMENT AND MASQUERADE DANCE—Youth Workers' Club "Future," Sunday, March 3, Mission Turner Hall, 3541 - 18th St. Starts at 3 p. m.—Lasts till midnight. Adm. Ladies 25c, Gentlemen 40c. Ausp. Arrangement Committee.

SAVE THE DATE! March 16th  
I. W. O. English Branch 599,  
Big Costume Ball at Redmen's Hall, 3053 - 16th St. SAVE  
THE DATE!

Oakland —

KEEP THIS DATE OPEN—

March 16th, Big I. L. D. Affair  
to be held at

## Thomas Jefferson Said:

"... governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it..."

(From the Declaration of Independence.)

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## Extended Hunger For American Workers!

In his plea for Congress to extend the life of the NRA for another two years, President Roosevelt bases his argument on the "great general gains" already made under the Recovery Act, and warns of the "labor chaos" which would result should the NRA be abandoned.

President Roosevelt is frank, even if not explicit. The gains he refers to are temporary gains in production, *made at the expense of the standard of the working class*. And he tacitly admits the NRA to be an employer-government instrument of suppression whose aim is to keep the workers from putting up an organized resistance to wage-cuts and company-unionism when he speaks of the "labor chaos" which would result from the scrapping of the NRA.

An examination of what Roosevelt considers to be the basic principles of the extended Act is very illuminating:

There is specified the elimination of jail sentences for code violations by the employers; action against violators to be taken under civil law. At first glance this sounds insignificant, since the NRA—especially Section 7-A—has been openly flouted time and again by employers, with no criminal persecution of the employers by the government. But at least, President Roosevelt at first thought it necessary to try to leave the impression with the workers that the government is "impartial."

Now there is no longer any need for pretense. *But when workers organize to bargain collectively, and strike and picket in an attempt to win better wage and working conditions—THERE IS NO TALK OF CIVIL SUITS! LONG TERM JAIL SENTENCES FACE THE WORKERS!*

Roosevelt again pays pious lip service to "the right of workers freely to organize for collective bargaining"—BUT CAREFULLY AVOIDS MENTIONING ANYTHING AS SPECIFICALLY EMBARRASSING AS SECTION 7-A!

And, of course, the President stresses maintenance of minimum hours—in the face of the constantly rising prices of the necessities of life!

Despite the "attacks" leveled at the NRA by "Congressional critics"—attacks which reflect the inner conflict of interests among the various groups of industrialists and financiers—Congress will no doubt grant the President's request for extension of the Recovery Act. Whatever slight changes will be made, if any, will not benefit the working class.

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## "Opposition" To Roosevelt's Hunger Program

The Senate is now going through the motions of putting up "opposition" to President Roosevelt's forced labor program. One of the outstanding features of that program, which calls for the appropriation of \$4,880,000,000 for unemployment relief to be expended on "public works" projects, is the provision that the rate of pay be below that paid by private industry, so that the wage-cutting program of private industry be not interfered with.

The controversy which is delaying the passage of the measure centers around two points: the amount to be appropriated, and the rate of pay on the proposed projects. Senator Byrd, Virginia ultra-conservative, is urging the cutting down of the appropriation to \$1,880,000,000, for "immediate emergency" needs, on the ground that the larger appropriation would mean too great a burden of taxation on the industrialists. Senator McCarran of Nevada urges the payment of "prevailing rates" on relief jobs. There are 9,846 persons on relief in Nevada, or 11 per cent of the total population of the state. That's where the pressure comes from.

There is little doubt that the full \$4,880,000,000, or very close to it, will be appropriated. The government's fear of the militancy of the unemployed will guarantee that gesture will be put over. And if the "prevailing rates" amendment passes, the government will try to find some other means, such as a starvation dole, to achieve its aims.

*The prevailing rate is a starvation rate! The demand is not even for union wages.*

The only way to win decent pay on relief projects is through ORGANIZATION AND STRUGGLE!

The fight for a measure of real security centers around the struggle for the National Workers' Unemployment Insurance Bill (H. R. 2827), and the State Workers' Bill in California—Assembly Bill 791.

Unemployed workers in California must bend every effort toward making the State Unemployed Miss Convention, to be held March 10 and 11 in Sacramento, a REAL MASS WEAPON to force real security from the capitalist legislators!

ON TO SACRAMENTO MARCH 10 AND 11!

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## SACRAMENTO C. S. TRIAL COSTS TAX PAYERS \$20,000

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 15.—Figures obtained from the County Auditor show the framework of a seventeen working-class organizations on charges of Criminal Syndicalism had already cost in the neighborhood of \$20,000.00.

Although less than half the bills have been turned in, the auditor announces known expenditures to date of \$10,819.66. Neither administration expenses, court expenses nor salaries are included in this figure.

The expenses accounted for are:

Special venues ..... \$1,851.40

Regular Jury ..... 782.60

Room Rent in Hotel Senator for Prosecution witnesses ..... 155.50

Reporting and Transcript ..... 137.50

Stool pigeons ..... 6,889.01

Traveling Expenses ..... 965.65

Transcript of testimony ..... 38.00

\$10,819.66

Expenses for stool pigeons will be considerably increased when the full expenditures of McAllister while district attorney are accounted for. It was recently reported that he paid \$8,489 to the Frank Parise Detective Agency alone.

\$340.70 were paid to William F. Hynes of the Los Angeles Red Squad under the heading "Traveling expenses." Hynes has been associated with the prosecution since last September, running back and forth between Sacramento and Los Angeles. It is not yet known who is paying him for these services.

A special transcript of testimony was made and submitted to the prosecution to aid in coaching their stool pigeon, but no transcript was supplied for the defense. This transcript was made under orders of City Manager James Dean and contravenes the law providing that no transcript shall be made without a court order.

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## Lenin Said:

"There is not a single state, however democratic, which does not contain loopholes in its Constitution guaranteeing the bourgeoisie the legal possibility of despatching troops against the workers, in case the exploited class 'disturbs' its position of slavery and tries to behave in a non-slavish manner."

(The Proletarian Revolution and the Renegade Kautsky, P. 27)

## Character Portrait of a Professional Pay-triot

### Italian workers Strike Against Fascism

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 22.—Following the recent Molighani conference here a group of Italian workers who feel the necessity for organized struggle against war and fascism, held a preliminary conference for building a permanent organization. Members of the arrangements committee for the Molighani meeting and representatives from other organizations met at Circulo Galileo Hall, Tuesday night.

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